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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Final Office Action dated August 9, 2002, which has  
statutorily shortened period that ends on November 12, 2002 in this case. An RCE  
accompanies this paper.

**AMENDMENTS**

Please enter the following amendments.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

By this amendment, Claims 1, 7 and 23 are amended and Claims 21 and 22 are  
cancelled. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(c)(1)(ii), the attachment entitle "Version with  
markings to show changes made" provides marked up versions of the amended claims  
containing the newly introduced changes. The following is a clean version of the entire set of  
pending Claims 1, 3-7, 9-12, 14, 15 and 23.

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